

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Marge Mertz; and,

*Whereas*, Marge began her career with the state of South Dakota on June 6, 1977, as an Unemployment Insurance Representative and Employment Representative before assuming the role of Manager of the Mobridge local office in 2000; and,

*Whereas*, Marge showed exemplary commitment to the Department of Labor and Regulation and to all of the people of South Dakota by delivering customer service above and beyond expectations to job seekers and employers; and,

*Whereas*, Under Marge's leadership, the Mobridge local office was selected for the "Office of the Year" award by the International Association of Workforce Professionals in 2011; and,

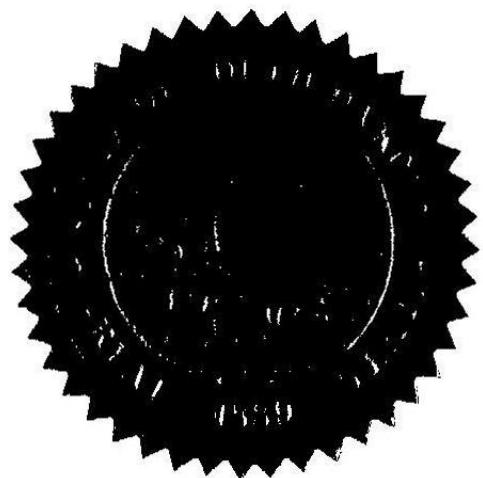
*Whereas*, After 35 years of dedicated service, Marge retired on June 8, 2012. Her colleagues will miss her positive attitude, humor, quick wit, dependability, and kindness. Marge will enjoy her retirement with her husband, Don, by spending time traveling, playing tennis, gardening, and visiting her three grandchildren in Pierre; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

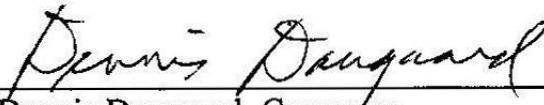
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

  
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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
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Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State